

Polyurethane matrixes: Effects on Defibrillation Threshold and Electrophysiologic Parameters, Labhasetwar et al., J. Of Cardiovascular Pharm., 24:826-840 (1994), Sotalol Controlled-Release Systems for Arrhythmias: In Vitro Characterization, In Vivo Drug Disposition, and Electrophysiologic Effects, Labhasetwar et al., J. of Pharm. Sciences, 83: 156-164 (1994).

At page 35, please replace the paragraph spanning lines 12 to 24 with the following:

--In this embodiment, an example of which is depicted in Fig. 10, the jacket provides an anchoring surface for the separable element 36 that presses the separable element 36 against the surface of the heart and maintains the separable element 36 in position on the heart H.

Q3 According to the invention, the patch or bladder can be provided underneath the jacket 10, such that the separable element 36 is positioned between the jacket and the heart. The jacket presses the separable element 36 against the heart, without causing damage to the heart that would result from directly attaching the separable element 36 at the treatment site, by sutures, adhesives or the like. The separable element 36 can be attached to the jacket, for example, using sutures or bioadhesives, to maintain the position of the separable element 36 in relation to the jacket. Alternatively, the patch or bladder can be held in place simply by the pressure of the jacket against the heart. Because the jacket itself is maintained in non-shifting contact with the heart, the separable element 36 is also provided with a non-shifting position on the surface of the heart. For example, the use of the jacket to maintain the positioning of the separable element 36 avoids such undesirable effects as fibrosis, necrosis, and the like.